

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims 1-8 and add new claims 9-20 as follows:

Claims

1. (Currently Amended) Hand-held sprayer (1) with an at least partially hollow shaft section (2), a liquid dispensing section (3), and a hollow connecting plug element (4) for connecting a hose extension (6) to the hand-held sprayer (1), which is arranged within the shaft section (2) and can be fastened by a fastening element (10) plugable through at least one opening (11) from the outside into the shaft section (2), in which the connecting plug element (4) has a first mounting extension (5) for connecting the hose extension (6) with the connecting plug element (4) and a second mounting extension (7) for connecting the connecting plug element (4) with the shaft section (2), ~~characterized by the fact that~~ the hand-held sprayer comprising:

~~the connecting plug element (4) has a groove (9) running circumferentially around its~~ an outer periphery of the connecting plug element ~~in~~ which the fastening element (10) engages when the connecting plug element (4) is fastened to the shaft section (2) and wherein the second mounting extension (7) has essentially the shape of a hollow tube that can be mounted to a third mounting extension (8) in the shaft section (2) formed in one piece with the shaft section (2).

2. (Currently Amended) Hand-held sprayer according to Claim 1, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the first mounting extension is a tube extension (5) that has a reduced diameter relative to the connecting plug element (4) and ~~being~~ is mountable to the hose extension (6).

3. (Currently Amended) Hand-held sprayer according to Claim 2, ~~characterized by further including~~ at least one seal disposed between the hose extension (6) and the first mounting extension (5) ~~and/or~~ between the second mounting extension (7) and the third mounting extension (8).

4. (Currently Amended) Hand-held sprayer according to Claim 3, ~~characterized by the fact that each~~ wherein the seal is a radially-acting O-ring.

6. (Currently Amended) Hand-held sprayer according to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 1, wherein the fastening element (10) assumes essentially comprises a U-shape with two arms of the U-shape engaging in the groove (9) of the connecting plug element (4) on opposite sides.

7. (Currently Amended) Hand-held sprayer according to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 1, wherein the fastening element (10) is a spring steel insert.

8. (Currently Amended) Hand-held sprayer according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, arranged on or in a cooking appliance.

9. (New) Hand-held sprayer according to Claim 5, wherein the securing element is a hose clamp.

10. (New) Hand-held sprayer according to Claim 2, further including at least one first seal disposed between the hose extension and the first mounting extension and at least one second seal disposed between the second mounting extension and the third mounting extension.

11. (New) A hand-held sprayer for use with a hose extension, comprising:
 an at least partially hollow shaft section;
 a liquid dispensing section;
 a fastening element; and
 a hollow connecting plug element for connecting the hose extension to the shaft section, wherein the hollow connecting plug element is arranged within the shaft section and can be fastened by the fastening element through at least one opening from the outside of the shaft section into the shaft section,

wherein the connecting plug element has a first mounting extension for connecting the hose extension with the connecting plug element, a second mounting extension for connecting the connecting plug element with the shaft section and a groove running circumferentially around an outer periphery of the connecting plug element which the fastening element engages when the connecting plug element is fastened to the shaft section and wherein the second mounting extension has essentially the shape of a hollow tube that can be mounted to a third mounting extension in the shaft section formed in one piece with the shaft section.

12. (New) The hand-held sprayer according to Claim 11, wherein the first mounting extension is a tube extension that has a reduced diameter relative to the connecting plug element and is mountable to the hose extension.

13. (New) The hand-held sprayer according to Claim 12, further including at least one seal disposed between the hose extension and the first mounting extension or between the second mounting extension and the third mounting extension.

14. (New) The hand-held sprayer according to Claim 13, wherein the seal is a radially-acting O-ring.

15. (New) The hand-held sprayer according to Claim 12, further including at least one first seal disposed between the hose extension and the first mounting extension and at least one second seal disposed between the second mounting extension and the third mounting extension.

16. (New) The hand-held sprayer according to Claim 11, further including a securing element that securely fastens the hose extension to the connecting plug element.

17. (New) The hand-held sprayer according to Claim 16, wherein the securing element is a hose clamp.

18. (New) The hand-held sprayer according to Claim 11, wherein the fastening element comprises a U-shaped element with two arms of the U-shaped element engaging in opposite sides of the groove of the connecting plug element.

19. (New) The hand-held sprayer according to Claim 11, wherein the fastening element is a spring steel insert.

20. (New) The hand-held sprayer according to Claim 11, arranged on or in a cooking appliance.